

Beasley Asks Signal Move

Noting Torrance's continuing struggle to obtain traffic signals or dangerous corners, Councilman J. A. Beasley suggested this week that the city move lights to where we need them most.

He argued that a traffic signal now located at the corner of 228th and Hawthorne Blvd. handles very little traffic, and would be much more valuable at Hawthorne and Carson or 174th and Arlington.

"Putting up temporary lights would be another way of meeting our problems," he suggested.

Signal at Del Amo

A signal on the corner of Del Amo and Hawthorne has been proposed by Councilman George Bradford.

"Traffic all along Hawthorne is too fast and dangerous," he said. "The city should attempt to post lower speed limit signs if the state's limits are inadequate."

Bradford also criticized the signal situation, saying that "in the future I won't vote for any streets opening onto a highway until the signals are installed. We should ask for signals before we pave the street, not afterward."

"If we ask for signals a year

North Torrance Asks Safety Zone Action

Starting of schools will focus attention on an extreme safety hazard in north Torrance, the area civic improvement association said today.

The City Council is studying a letter from the association asking cooperation with the school board to protect children walking along the south side of 182nd St. east of Crenshaw.

The association letter, penned by Mrs. Margaret H. Clark, president, suggested the installation of steel separation markers equally spaced along 182nd St. to provide greater safety.

In advance, maybe they'll be ready when we need them," he added.

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Six Injured in City Accidents

Six people were injured in traffic accidents in Torrance this week.

After a two-car collision at 174th and Atkinson Wednesday, Ramon Soto, 17, Los Angeles, and James Smith, 20, a Marine from Twenty-nine Palms, were taken to Harbor General hospital.

Soto's car collided with a truck driven by Joseph J. Menard, 42, 17504 Patronella.

Suffering minor injuries early Wednesday were Robert D. Decker, 34, of Burbank, and a passenger from Hawaii, John Dolan.

Collides With Signal

Decker's car collided with a traffic signal at 174th and Hawthorne Blvd., when the driver swerved to avoid hitting a slow moving car in front of him.

An accident on 228th St. Tuesday caused injury to Una B. Meier, 41, 1535 1/2 W. 227th St. and Goldie M. Monge, 45, 2217 Marshallfield Lane, Redondo Beach.

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US Steel Fetes Watson

Paul M. Watson, superintendent of production planning of the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division, was receiving congratulations today on his 40 years with the firm.

About 50 friends and business associates from Torrance, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pittsburg, Calif. and Geneva, Utah, honored him with a testimonial luncheon at the Jumping Jack restaurant, Torrance.

Special guest was Carl Warner, U. S. Steel executive and Torrance resident, who recalled he and Watson joined U. S. Steel's Mercer Works at Farrell, Pa., in 1919.

Watson's first assignment with the company was as hot mill turn foreman. In 1927 he was named hot mill assistant superintendent, and in 1932 transferred to the Torrance Works as sheet mill assistant superintendent. In 1943 he was appointed superintendent of sheet mill, holding this position until promoted to superintendent of production planning the following year.

In recognition of his anniversary, Watson, of 3417 La Selva Place, Palos Verdes, was presented a watch by Don Lassell, general superintendent of the Torrance Works.



PAUL M. WATSON

Wing Resigns from Planning Commission

Larry Wing, a long-time foe of commercial development along western stretches of Pacific Coast Highway, this week resigned from the Torrance Planning Commission.

In a letter submitted to the commission, Wing resigned because of the pressure of other activities.

"We're going to miss Larry Wing," Planning Director George Powell says. The commission has directed that a plaque commemorating his service be drawn up.

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TOP TALENT—The Barbara Neece Trio from Las Vegas is now entertaining nightly in the Fun Room of the Bowl-O-Drome, 220th St. and Western Ave. The entertainment group opened there Friday.

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The Steel Strike Is

In Germany, Italy, Belgium, England, Japan and other countries, men are happily making steel to send to the United States—itsself the greatest steelmaking nation in the world.

The steel they are sending here means jobs and wages lost to American steelworkers forever.

Long before the strike began, however, imports of foreign steel were rising while exports of American steel were falling. Since December 1958 monthly steel imports have exceeded exports, for the first time in modern history.

One of the chief reasons for this is that steelworkers' wages abroad are only one-third to one-seventh as much as the American steelworker gets.

Yet the leaders of the steel Union in this country have called 500,000 steelworkers out on strike for more inflation—and an even wider wage gap between the U.S.A. and its foreign competitors.

Here from recent trade reports are a few examples which highlight the growing threat of foreign steel imports:

- A manufacturer of fencing, nails and wire for 58 years has completely closed one of his plants. The reason: foreign competition.
- A steel mill which regularly shipped 24,000 tons of barbed wire annually, sold only 220 tons in 1958.
- So far this year imports of plumbers' pipe on the West Coast have averaged 13,000 tons a month—substantially more than total American production in that area.

- At Houston, Texas, 21,600 tons of steel from Belgium and Japan were unloaded in a single day. And two other ships were waiting to unload steel.
- About 50 percent of all the steel being consumed in Dallas, Texas, is foreign-made.
- During the second quarter of this year imports of foreign steel poured into the eleven Southern states at the annual rate of 2,000,000 tons. This would provide full-time employment for 13,200 men and an annual payroll of \$90,000,000.

The picture is not encouraging. If American industry cannot produce steel products more efficiently and at lower cost, the jobs of many more steelworkers will be permanently lost.

The logical solution to this problem is to hold wage costs in line here at home while we strive to improve our industrial efficiency and regain our technological advantages over foreign producers.

There are two important ways to improve efficiency. One is to continue to install the most modern facilities and equipment as rapidly as profits permit. The other is to eliminate waste and unnecessary work wherever they exist.

The Union has repeatedly denounced the profits necessary to pay for the modernization of our plants and has steadfastly opposed proposals to eliminate waste. Yet the companies still continue to hope that the Union will cooperate in meeting the problem of foreign competition.

The result could be a permanent gain for the steelworkers, the steel companies and the nation.

New Recreation Building Set for Alondra Park

Greatly improved and expanded recreational services will soon be made available to the people living near Alondra park. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week as the Board of Supervisors awarded contract for construction of a new community recreation building in the northwest portion of the park.

Work on the new building is scheduled to be started within 30 days. Supervisor Hahn said, with the W. H. Christensen Construction Company the contractors.

Plans call for a building of nearly 5,000 square feet containing a large activity room, meeting room, craft room, utility room, kitchen, offices and rest-rooms. Project will include a large paved patio of nearly 10,000 square feet.

The new building was designed by the architectural firm of O'Leary and Torasawa, AIA, and combines beauty with practicality.

In addition to the regular schedule of recreational programs which will be scheduled when the building is completed, the facility will be made available for the use of civic organizations and character building youth organizations.

The building will be located facing Manhattan Beach boulevard just north of the baseball diamond. Project will also include site development, landscaping, paving fencing, sidewalks, and curbs.

The area where the building is to be constructed was formerly the site of a temporary veterans housing unit which had served its purpose and was removed to provide 13 additional acres of park land.

Residents of North Torrance and Lawndale live next to the park.

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